

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention solves the foregoing problems and disadvantages with a system and method for providing a contact list for a hybrid communicator/remote control. The hybrid communicator/remote control preferably allows a user to remotely operate an interactive television system, including, for example, a set ~~[[to]]~~ top box and an attached television set.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to FIG. 1, there is shown a system 100 for providing television programming and communication services to a plurality of customers. In one implementation, the system 100 ~~include~~ is based on the infrastructure of broadband communication network 101, such as a cable network. However, other networks are contemplated, one particular example of which is a satellite network.

On page 11, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a system and method ~~whereby~~ by which a user of a hybrid communicator/remote control 106 may rapidly and easily establish a two-way communication channel with any of the illustrated devices 106, 130, 132, 140, 142, 144, 146, 150, 152. Of course, the system 100

illustrated in FIG. 1 is merely exemplary, and other types of devices and networks may be used within the scope of the invention.

On page 18, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In alternative embodiments, the "Add" button 226 may be used to enter a contact selection mode in which the user may select a contact from a list (not shown), which may be ~~may be~~ retrieved from a remote telephone directory or contact list via the broadband communication network 101 or the Internet 112. For example, in response to activation of the "Add" button 226, a directory or contact list may be retrieved from the network 101 (via the STB 102) and displayed on the television 104 or display screen 250. Using the arrow buttons 208, 210, 212, 214, the user may highlight or otherwise mark a contact and press the "Add" button 226, after which information for the contact is added to the contact list 252 of the hybrid communicator/remote control 106.